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FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY OF DEPUTY SPOKESMAN'S RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS FROM THE PRESS AT DAILY BRIEFING AUGUST 9, 1976:

- (1) AEGEAN -- WE HAVE BEEN IN TOUCH WITH GREEK AND TURKISH GOVERNMENTS CONCERNING QUESTION OF AEGEAN OIL RESEARCH AND OTHER MATTERS INVOLVING CLAIMS IN AEGEAN SEA, AND WE CONTINUE TO URGE BOTH ATHENS AND ANKARA TO RESOLVE THEIR COMPETING CLAIMS PEACEFULLY AND TO SHOW UTMOST RESTRAINT WHILE SEEKING A SETTLEMENT. WE HAVE KEPT CLOSE EYE ON DEVELOPMENTS AND ARE CONTINUING TO STAY IN TOUCH WITH GOVERNMENTS CONCERNED.
- (2) FRANCO-PAKISTAN NUCLEAR REACTOR DEAL -- SECRETARY HAS JUST CONCLUDED TALKS WITH P.M. BHUTTO, AND WE HAVE NOTHING OTHER THAN WHAT HAS BEEN RELEASED OR WILL SHORTLY BE RELEASED IN PRESS ANNOUNCEMENTS.
- (3) FRANCO-SOUTH AFRICA NUCLEAR REACTOR DEAL -- FRENCH AND UNCLASSIFIED

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SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENTS ARE AWARE OF USG POSITION WITH RE-

GARD TO SALE OF NUCLEAR REACTORS AND ISSUE OF ADEQUATE SAFE-GUARDS.

- (4) PRAVDA CHARGE THAT U.S. WORSENING SITUATION IN MIDDLE EAST AND CREATING DANGEROUS SITUATION OF TENSION -- OTHER THAN TO SAY THAT WE DO NOT AGREE WITH PRAVDA STATEMENT, WE HAVE NO COMMENT.
- (5) SECRETARY'S ATTENDANCE AT REPUBLICAN CONVENTION -- NO DECISION HAS BEEN MADE WITH REGARD TO POSSIBLE PLANS FOR SECRETARY TO ATTEND KANSAS CITY CONVENTION.
- (6) DEAUVILLE -- AS STATED NUMEROUS TIMES RECENTLY, SECRETARY'S VISIT TO DEAUVILLE IS PRIVATE AND WE ARE NOT GOING TO DISCUSS WHOM HE IS VISITING AND WHAT HE HE WILL DO DURING HIS PRIVATE STAY.
- (7) LAW OF THE SEA -- SECRETARY RETURNS FROM AMSTERDAM WEDNESDAY EVENING. HE IS CONTEMPLATING TRIP LATER THIS WEEK TO LOS CONFERENCE BUT WE HAVE NO FURTHER INFORMATION ON TRAVEL PLANS EITHER THIS WEEK OR THEREAFTER. AS STATED IN SECRETARY'S LETTER LAST WEEK TO LOS CONFERENCE PRESIDENT, HE HAS FIRM COMMITMENT TO ATTEND BRIEFLY AT BEGINNING AND THEN RETURN FOR LONGER PERIOD LATER ON.
- (8) EMBASSY CONTACTS IN BEIRUT -- AS STATED PREVIOUSLY, WE ARE NOT GOING INTO SPECIFICS OF WHOM WE ARE IN CONTACT WITH IN LEBANON ON DAY-TO-DAY BASIS.
- (9) PLO CONTACTS -- "ALL PARTIES" DOES NOT INCLUDE PLO.
 AS STATED NUMEROUS TIMES IN RECENT WEEKS, OUR CONTACTS
 WITH PLO ARE LIMITED STRICTLY TO MATTERS OF SECURITY AND
 ARE CONFINED TO SECURITY OFFICER.
- (10) HOSPITAL SHIP -- SENATOR ABOUREZK HAS SUGGESTED IDEA OF HOSPITAL SHIP BEING SENT FOR HUMANITARIAN PURPOSES TO LEBANON. PROPOSAL IS BEING CONSIDERED BUT THERE IS NOTHING TO REPORT ON IT AT THIS TIME.

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